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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN FONMIN VISIT TO FRANCE

1. BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ANTONIO AZEREDO DA SILVEIRA IS SCHEDULED TO PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO FRANCE OCTOBER 23 AND 24. OUR IMPRESSION OF VISIT FROM BRAZILIAN EMBASSY AND FONMIN OFFICIALS IS THAT VISIT IS LARGELY CEREMONIAL WITH NO FORMAL AGREEMENTS TO BE SIGNED AND WITH AN AGENDA COVERING THE HORIZON.
2. ONE ITEM WE UNDERSTAND WILL BE RAISED BY THE FRENCH IS A PROPOSAL TO HOLD REGULAR TWICE-YEARLY MEETINGS OF MINISTRY OFFICIALS AT POLITICAL DIRECTOR OR HIGHER LEVELS. THIS IS SIMILAR TO MEETING ARRANGED BY THE FRENCH WITH FRG, USSR AND A FEW OTHER COUNTRIES. BRAZIL WILL APPARENTLY BE THE ONLY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY SO SELECTED BY THE FRENCH AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL.
3. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND MINISTERS WILL DISCUSS FRENCH FONMIN SAUVAGNARGUES' PROPOSED RETURN VISIT TO BRAZIL AND A PROPOSED VISIT OF PRESIDENT GEISEL NEXT YEAR.

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4. COMMENT: BRAZIL IS THE LEADING IF, NOT ONLY,

LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY THAT THE FRENCH ARE PURSUING
COMMERCIALLY WITH ANY AGGRESSIVENESS. THEY APPEAR TO
CONTINUE TO ASPIRE TO A PART OF THE BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR
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